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REFS: A. GENEVA 5373, OCTOBER 1, 1973

- B. CULBERT/ROHR LETTER, OCTOBER 10,1973
- C. STATE 206700, OCTOBER 17, 1973
- D. SPRUCE/ROHR LETTER, APRIL 1, 1974
- 1. TARIFF DATA OBTAINED FROM GOI AND SUBSEQUENTLY
  PROCESSED BY GATT SECRETARIAT IS INSUFFICIENT TO CARRY-OUT
  ARTICLE 28 NEGOTIATIONS. PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IS LACK OF PRECISE
  CONCORDANCE ON LINE ITEM BASIS BETWEEN PREVIOUS GATT SCHEDULE
  (GENEVA CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM) AND NEW BTN TARIFF. THE
  CONCORDANCE OBTAINED FROM GOI--"TABEL TRANSPOSISI...," DATED
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FEBRUARY 1973--PROVIDES ONLY A VERY ROUGH GUIDE. GATT

SECRETARIAT'S STUDY (REF B), WHICH ATTEMPTS TO RECONCILE TWO TARIFFS, CANNOT BE IMPROVED IN ANY COMPREHENSIVE MANNER USING THIS CONCORDANCE. OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO FROM IMF AND HARVARD DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, BOTH OF WHICH HAD A HAND IN GOI CHANGE-OVER TO BTN, WERE UNSECCESSFUL.

- 2. ONCE GATT BINDINGS DETERMINED, IMPORT TRADE DATA BY TARIFF LINE ITEM NECESSARY TO ANALYZE DUTY CHANGES AND ESTABLISH NEGOTIATING RIGHTS OF SUPPLIER COUNTRIES. WE RECENTLY OBTAINED COMPUTER PRINT-OUTS FROM GOI'S CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS WHICH SHOW IMPORTS (SITC-BASED) BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR 1973. SINCE NEW RATES WENT INTO EFFECT IN 1973, HOWEVER, IMPORT STATISTICS FOR ONE OR TWO PRIOR YEARS WOULD PROVIDE A MORE VALID BASE FOR ANALYSIS, IF AVAILABLE.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST APPROACH BY GATT SECRETARIAT TO GOI ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: PRECISE CONCORDANCE BETWEEN GATT SCHEDULE AND BTN TARIFF NEEDED TO CONDUCT ARTICLE 28 NEGOTIATIONS; TRADE DATA PER PARA 2 WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL. ONLY GOI CAN PROVIDE SUCH INFO. SECRETARIAT STUDY SHOWS THAT MERE COMPARISON OF TARIFF CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS IS INADEQUATE. MOREOVER, THIS SAME DATA NEEDED TO ESTABLISH AUTOMATED GOI TARIFF RATE FILE FOR MTN, AS HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF ALL CP'S BY OCTOBER. FURTHER GATT SECRETARIAT INITIATIVE WITH GOI NEEDED SOONEST IF GOI TO PROVIDE WORKABLE CONCORDANCE IN TIME TO ALLOW COMPLETION OF ARTICLE 28 NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GATT WAIVER.
- 4. FYI: GENEVA 2029 ON MARCH 28, 1974 GATT COUNCIL
  MEETING INDICATED GOI REP QUERY ON INR'S. COMPLETE INFORMATION RELATING TO U.S. INRS IN GOI GATT SCHEDULE CAN ONLY
  BE DEVELOPED AFTER RECEIPT OF PRECISE CONCORDANCE REQUESTED
  ABOVE. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS COMPLETE LIST INDONESIAN
  INRS IN U.S. GATT SCHEDULE AS RESULT RTS NEGOTIATIONS;
  THIS CAN BE CHECKED AGAINST SECRETARIAT'S COPY OF DRAFT
  SCHEDULE XX. END FYI. KISSINGER

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